Sports Reporter

Secretary-General of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Randhir Singh of India has reportedly assured the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Bashir Ahmed of all possible help to place BOA on a solid foundation, The Daily Star learnt yesterday.

The BOA may even get financial support from the OCA which will try to rope fn some multi-national organisations as sponsors for development of sports in Bangladesh, Bashir Ahmed told this correspon-

Bashir Ahmed, who returned home from London Sunday morning after participating in the three-day regional marketing seminar for the national Olympic committees of Asia which concluded on April 1, had talks with Randhir Singh during the sem-

Randhir Singh, who is also the Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association, reportedly asked his Bangladeshi counterpart to write to the OCA president stating the financial condition and needs of the BOA.

The BOA, which will organise the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in the city next December, is fully dependent on the government as far as the financial matters are concerned.

The speakers at the seminar stressed the need for making the Olympic committees of Asian countries financially independent but maintained that without the support from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) this would not be possible at all.

The IOC representatives present on the occasion reportedly assured the Asian delegates that they would take up the matter with other IOC members soon.

Apart from Bangladesh and India delegates from Nepal, Pakistan, Shri Lanka, the Maldives, Myanmar, Mongolia and Vietnam attended the three-day seminar. The IOC bore the expenses.

BU patrons meet

Sports Reporter

A joint meeting of the governing body and executive committee members Brothers Union was held yesterday at the club premises in Gopibagh with Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman in the chair, says a press release.

The meeting, attended by five ministers other then the Foreign Minister who is the governing body chairman, stressed the need for further development of the club.

The ministers present were the Works Minister Barrister Raliqui Islam Mia, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Water Resources and Agriculture Minister Maj Gen (retd) Majid-ul-Huq, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Knoka — a former Brothers Union secretary - and State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain.

The executive committee president Amanullah Mia and secretary Tapan Chowdhury and member-secretary of the governing body Shamsuzzaman Dudu were also present.

Police post win in hockey

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Police edged past Bangladesh Sporting Club by a solitary goal to move into the Group B quarterfinals of the 1993 Independence Day Cup hockey tournament at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yester-

Police will play the winners of today's match between the 1992 First Division league runners-up and pre-tournament favourites Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Railway on April 10.

Nazimuddin scored the allimportant goal for the law enforcing agency two minutes from time.

Police, who dominated the entire proceedings, forced as many as 11 penalty corners but pathetically failed to convert any of them.

However, Police hero on the day Nazimuddin received the green card for rough play. Md Mushtaq and Rezaul Karim of Bangladesh Sporting were also cautioned.

TODAYS MATCHES

Ansars vs Navy (2:30 pm) Abahani vs Railway (4:00

BSWA indoor meet

Sports Reporter

The remaining matches of the indoor sports championships of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will be held on April 8 and 9, says a press release.

Participating players have been asked to contact the BSWA office for further details tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

OCA Secy offers 19th nat'ls get underway to help BOA

A devastating apell of medium pace bowling by Timir of Jahangirnagar University threw Bangladesh Krira Shiksha

Protishthan (BKSP) out of contention as the 19th Gold Leaf national cricket championship zonals got underway at different venues across the country yesterday. The Daily Star regrets its inadvertence regarding the start of the meet, which was erroneously reported as today.

While BKSP, the supposed nursery of local sports, were sent packing in the only zonal pre-quarterfinal held in the capital, six other zonal quarterfinals were settled yesterday outside Dhaka.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Timir ripped through the batting line up of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) who, sent in to bat first, were bundled out for 139 in only 39.2 overs.

The opening bowler who played for Wari Club in the 1992-93 Milnars First Division cricket league, took five wickets for 15 runs from 7.2 overs. He was well supported by

Biplob who captured two for 24 while Raju claimed two for For BKSP, opener Zakir

topscored with a fine half-century. He made 52 off 89 balls with the help of five bound-Skipper Fahim was the sec-

ond highest scorer with a quick 22 off 31 balls, including four hits to the fence. Salahuddin and Mithu were the other batsmen to reach

double figures with 18 and 13 respectively. Two timely, solid knocks by Kamrul and Shakil after one drop Biplab had set the pace with a brisk 32 helped the

university students pick up a fine three-wicket win. BKSP pacemen Shihab and Salahuddin had retaliated quickly, the Jahangirnagar openers being sent back with

only 20 runs on the board. But Biplab played positively, posting 32 off 36 balls with the help of three fours before being stumped off Tipu.

Skipper Obayed's early dismissal was well recompensed by enterprising batting by Shakil and Kamrul who added 67 runs for the fifth wicket in 22.4 overs.

Sigei again to the fore

WASHINGTON, Apr 5 Newly crowned World crosscountry champion William Sigei led a Kenyan sweep of the top three places here Sunday in the Cherry blossom 10-mile road race in 46 minutes 29 seconds, reports AFP.

Sigei led Anthony Kiprono (46, 33) and Ibrahim Kinuthia (47.04).

The Kenyan contingent, which also included William Koech, burst into the lead at the start of the race through the streets of the US capital, and were 50 metres clear of the pack by the two mile mark.

They pulled away easily, talking among themselves and looking over their shoulders at the fading field, until they ran into a headwind on an island in the Potomac river.

By the seventh mile, Kiprono was in front of his compatriots, and urging them to pick up their pace.

By the ninth mile mark, Sigei had caught up with Kiprono, and he made his move to the front with about 800 yards to go.

"I was very confident," said Sigei, who won the world cross country fitle at Amorebieta, Spain, last week. "I just wanted to be close in the last two miles."

Belenky wins right to defend his title

BIRMINGHAM, Apr 5: Valeri Belenky, gold medalist under the flag of the Sovict Union two years ago, has won the right to defend his title as an individual at next week's World Gymnastics Championships, reports AP.

Belenky had appealed to the International Gymnastic Federation for special permission to compete in the championships after his country, the newly-independent, Azerbaijan, missed the deadline for

recognition by the world body. The federation's ruling allows Belenky, the pommel horse titlist in 1991, to compete under the federation's banner rather than his national

The championships begin in Birmingham, England, on April 13.

Belenky won a bronze medal in the all-around competition at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, where he was a member of the Unified Team of former Soviet republics.

Sports Reporter

Although a double duck followed, victory was never in doubt and Jahangirnagar University raised 143 for seven wickets to advance to the next round with nearly six overs to

Salahuddin, who returned to claim two quick wickets at the fag end, finished with four for 32. Sujan took two for 19.

NOAKHALI WIN

While Timir was wreaking havoc with BKSP, Tinku conjured up an 80-run win for Noakhali against Sunamgani away in Sylhet.

He took five wickets for 18 runs as Sunamgani, chasing 198 for victory against Noakhali, were allout for 117 in 35.2 overs.

Nitu scored a defiant 38 while Salahuddin and Monim _made 21 and 17 respectively to stem the rot.

Earlier, a fine unbeaten 89 by Murad formed the nucleus of Sunamgani's total of 197 for two' from the possible 41 overs, Murad was ably supported by Rafiq, who also remained unbeaten on 65.

NAOGAON WIN

Naogaon recorded a 98-run victory against Gaibandha in Jhenidah. Batting first, the winners collected 193 for nine from 41 overs with Rokon hitting 57, Selim 47 and Palach

Lemon with two for 31 and Rousseau with two for 35 were the successful bowlers for Gaibandha.

Rokon then turned in a fine bowling performance to capture three wickets as Gaibandha were allout for 95 in just 29.3 overs. Chunnu with 24, Selim with

17 were the principal run-getters for the vanguished. Rokon, who took three for 17, was supported by Montu who took four for 18. Shamim

JHENIDAH BEATEN In Jessore, Meherpur won

bagged two for 18.

against Jhenidah by 27 runs. Salam topscored in Meherpur's total of 153. Kamal with 22, Shuja with 18 and Riton with 14 were the other

Loton with two for 34 and Saku with two for 15 were the main wickettakers for Jhenidah.

batsmen who got among the

Shuja bagged three for 23 while Zahid and Salam two each as Jhenidah were allout

for 126 in their turn. Bakul topscored with 22. He was followed by Tofael who

made 19.

JAMALPUR WIN In Mymensingh, Jamalpur registered a comfy 76-run victory against Gazipur.

Batting first Jamalpur made 202 for seven off 45 overs with Faruq topscoring with 43. Raju contributed 41 not out while Monowar 24. Sabuj 21 and Habibur 17 were the other ma jor scorers. Extras contributed a staggering 60.

Despite 35 extras Gazipur were booked for 126 in 37 overs with Mithu making 28, Rashed 29, Barek 13 and Manun 10 not out.

Raju and Biplab bagged two wickets each for Janalpur.

PIROJPUR LOSE

In Khulna, Jhalakathi cantered past Pirojpur by four wickets.

Chasing 99 for a win the winners finished on 101 for six with Liton making an undefeated 29. Chishti made 15. Litu with three for 33

waged a lone battle with the

ball for Piroipur Earlier, Pirojpur were allout for 98 in 26.2 overs with Pijush of Jhalakathi doing the damage with the ball with a haul of four for 18.

Tuhin and Shuvra scored 18 each to stand out in the ruins. In Thakurgaon, Pabna made light work of remote Lalmonirhat when they beat the limitrophe district by seven wickets in another zonal quarter-final.

Lalmonirhat batted first and were allout for 110 in 41.4 overs with Nitu notching the highest score of 32. Rumen and Anwarul made 13 each but the rest were wiped off the floor by the aggressive Pabna bowlers for whom Babu and Hanif led the charge with three wickets giving away 11 and 19 runs respectively.

Thanda's unbeaten 45 alongside 24 and 13 by Ashoke and Gautam respectively saw the winners home and dry in 23.2 overs with the score reading 113 for three.

Nitu turned one better to prise out three Pabna batsmen for 23 runs.

Dhaka University, one of the favourites, take on Islamic University in their Services zone tie at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium today.

Karpov, Timman agree to play second fiddle

ZURICH, Apr 5: Two beaten challengers have agreed to play off for the official world chess title, replacing banned

champion Garri reigning Kasparov and finalist Nigel Short, the World Chess Association FIDE said, reports Reuter.

FIDE withdrew its recognition from Kasparov and Short after they decided to stage their final outside its auspices in a bid to boost the prize fund and take control of professional chess.

In a statement issued late on Sunday, FIDE said Russian ex-champion Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman, both beaten by Britain's Short on his way to the final, had ac-

prospect that by the end of the year, two players would both

claim to be world chess cham-It also provided a test of FIDE's ability to raise interest and prize money for a final

lacking Azeri-born Kasparov, the world's most glamorous and recognisable player.

cepted an invitation to contest a new, official play-off. Their move raised the

Karpov, a much less telegenic Soviet-era champion, was the last man to claim the title by default when American Bobby Fischer failed to defend against him in 1975.

He has never hidden his dislike for Kasparov since the younger man deposed him after an acrimonious battle in

By siding with FIDE, he and Timman delivered a blow to Short's and Kasparov's hopes that their fellow professionals would follow them out of FIDE's orbit and take charge of their own affairs.

Already many of Britain's top players have snubbed Short by taking part in an official FIDE tournament in Dublin. FIDE said in its statement that member federations and top players had given it massive support for its stand against the rebels.

The federation is now invit ing bids by May 7 to host the official final, and will make a decision a week a later.

FIDE has had far less trouble with the more recently es tablished and less lucrative women's championship.

It announced that the women's final, between reigning champion Die Jun of China and Shallenger Nana Ioseliani of Georgia, would be staged in Monaco in November for a purse of 300,000 Swiss francs (200,000 dollar).



West Indian wicketkeeper Junior Murray offers a few words of sympathy as Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Haq agonises in pain after a Courtney Walsh delivery hit him on the groin during the fifth and final one-day international at Georgetown, Guyana on April 3. The match was tied. - Star TV photo

Day-nighter at Dhaka Stadium today

Sports Reporter

Pyjama cricket is back again in this country with the visit ing Karachi Airport Gymkhana playing their last of five exhibition matches at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The winners, who won their four previous tour matches, play a Navana Premier Division Eleven in a day-night 45 overs-a side-match starting at 2:30 this afternoon. White balls will be used for

this match and while the Navana Eleven will be rigged in red the tourists will don their national colour green.

The match, last in the visi tors' 10-day tour, will begin at 2:30 and continue till 5:50 There will be 40-minute break after which the match, or one should the batting of the other side, would start and go on up to 9-55 pm.

The man-of-the match will receive a cash award of Taka 2000. Radio Bangladesh will give running commentary.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board announced the rate of tickets which will be on sale at the counters adjacent to the stadium from 11-30 am onwards. VIP Gate No 1 will cost Taka 100, Gate No: 3A Taka 50, Gate 3B — Taka 30 and the galleries Taka 10.

Schools handball semis Apr 8 Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars and VDP High School and Shaheed Nabi lligh School emerged as their respective group champions in the fifth Bata schools handball tournament.

Defending champions Narinda Govt High School, who finished as Group A runnersup, will clash with last year's runners-up and Group B champions Shaheed Nabi School while the Group A champions Ansars and VDP School will take on Rajarbagh Police Lines High School, the Group B runners-up, in the semifinals to be held on April

Yesterday, Shaheed Nabi School outplayed Badda Vidya Niketan by 27 goals to 14 in their last group league match at the Outer Stadium handball

The winners led 12-5 at half time. Priyotosh scored eight

goals, Shuvra five while Yusuf and Khokon got four each for Shaheed Nabi School. Jasim and Shoeb netted eight and four goals respectively for Badda Vidya Niketan. Bangladesh Rifles High

School swept aside Kamalapur High School by 32 goals to 13 in the other encounter of the

Rifles School led the first session 12-6.

Azad netted 11 and Rakib 10 for Rifles School while Naif Khan and Sajjad got seven and four goals respectively for Kamalapur School.

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter

The 1993 schools kabaddi tournament will now be held from April 16 instead of April 10 for want of enough partici-

As a consequence the entry date has been further extended till April 10. Interested schools have

been asked to contact the Kabaddi Bangladesh Federation, the organisers of the meet, soon. Krickstein wins

S African open DURBAN, South Africa, Apr 5: Fifth-seeded American Aaron Krickstein edged out South Africas Grant Stafford to win the ATP South African Open here on Sunday, reports

The 25-year old defending champion overcame the South African, ranked 110th, 6-3, 7-6, (9-7) in a final marred by blustery condition. Stafford, a wildcard entry, was playing his first ATP tour

failed to convert during the one-and-a-half hour battle. "That was the best chance I have ever had at winning a tournament and I blew it," 21-

final and was left lamenting the number of chances he

year old Stafford said. Aaron was so quick and he got to a lot of shots I never though he would make he was super consistent and my game wasn't good enough to beat

Stafford felled top-seeded countryman Wayne Ferreira in the semifinals on Saturday. Krickstein, ranked 44th, said he was delighted with his win, especially since this was tie-breaker had not gone her

only his second tournament

after suffering a fractured left

foot seven months ago. I'm right back where wanted to be. My foot was really sore, so I'll probably take this week off before going to Nice for he start of the clay court season, he said.

Krickstein was once ranked ble against the disheartened fifth in the world, but injuries Sanchez-Vicario. have hampered his progress.



Pakistan batsman Basit Ali steers West Indian paceman Ian Bishop to the third man fence during the fifth and final one-dayer at Georgetown, Guyana on Saturday. Basit Ali made 57 -Star TV photo in the dramatically drawn match.

Tests beckon world champions

GEORGETOWN Guyana, Apr 5: Having completed the one-day series against the

West Indies here on Sunday, Pakistan can now get down to the serious business of preparing for the three match Test series, reports AFP. At Bourda, the scene of

Saturday's dramatic one-day

tie, the tourists meet the West Indies Board President's XI in a three-day fixture. The opposition includes four Test caps and others vying for international recognition. The Test players are lefthanded batsman, Keith Arthurton, who will captain

the side, Jimmy Adams, the

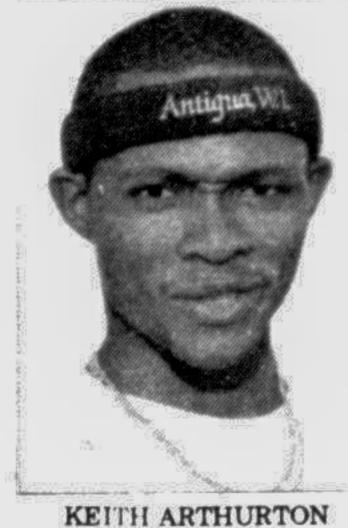
Jamaica all-rounder, and pace

bowlers Anderson Cummins

(Barbados) and Kenneth Benjamin (Antigua) Also in the side is the promising Barbados batsman Roland Holder, 25, whose prospects of a place in the West Indies team are enhanced by the retirement, announced on Saturday of Gus

Logic. The 33-year-old Trinidadian, who has played 52 Test matches, could not get into the side during this winter's tour of Australia. He will continue to play domestic first class cricket despite his withdrawal from the international

PRESIDENT'S XI(from): K L Arthurton (capt), A D A Joseph, S C Williams, J C Adams, S Chanderpaul, R I C Holder, R D Jacobs (WK), B St



A Browne, K C G Benjamin, S C Cummins, O R Gibson, N O ABSOLUTELY FAIR

Meanwhile, another report says: West Indies manager David Holford, said Sunday the decision by ICC referee Raman Subba Row to declare Saturday's fifth one-day international against Pakistan a tie was "absolutely fair".

Technically, West Indies, who were level at 2-2 with Pakistan in the series, won the match, finishing with a level

round the perimeter, urging them to stay back from the boundary line. Subba Row was critical of the ground authorities for poor

score of 244, but having lost

one wicket less than the

count the fact that a celebrat

ing crowd had rushed on to

the ground while the batsmen.

Carl Hooper and Ian Bishop.

were taking the two runs re-

quired to level the scores and

that the Pakistani fielders

lengthy meeting with the offi-

cials of both teams and the

West Indies Cricket Board's

executive secretary Steve

By the time the announce-

ment was made on the public

address system, most of the

crowd had departed, believing

the verdict could have caused

the ground's capacity. The ex-

cess of spectators spilled on to

the ground and at one stage of

the match, Subba Row walked

Otherwise, the reversal of

Tickets were sold beyond

that the West Indies had won.

He took his decision after a

could have been obstructed.

But Subba Row took into ac-

Pakistanis.

Camacho.

angry scenes.

organisation, as was Holford. The referee said that his decision was not prompted by any protest on the part of the Pakistanis. It was taken on his own initiative and it had been readily accepted by the West Indies, he said.

Evans asserts her supremacy

Games with just a relay medal,

picked up her third national

title of the meeting.

earlier in the week.



NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Apr 5: American swimming superstar Janet Evans made

it a clean sweep of the three events in which she holds world records when she won the 1,500-metre freestyle on Sunday, final day of the US long course national championships, reports Reuter.

The 21-year-old Evans, who carlier in the five-day meet won the 400-and 800-freestyle titles, left the opposition battling for second place as she ran away with the 1,500 by

more than 22 seconds. Evans clocked 16 minutes, 16.38 seconds for the 33rd US national title of the career.

"I couldn't be happier with how I did at this meet, but I still have a way to go to get into shape," said Evans, the only American woman swimmer ever to win four Olympic gold medals, "I'm starting tomorrow by runnings".

Evans was not meets only triple winner.

Jenny Thompson, the 100metre freestyle world record holder who came away disappointed from the Barcelona

The 18-year-old Quance earlier won the 400-metre individual medley. Raimundas Mazuolis, a

member of the 1992 Lithuanian Olympic team, continued to post impressive

She won the 50-metre The 21-year-old Mazuolis, freestyle in 25.72 seconds to who won the 100 freestyle on add to the 100 freestyle and Thursday, made a run at the 100 backstroke titles she won 50-metre freestyle world record in morning preliminar-Kristine Quance swept the ies and later won the event.

> qualifying and won the title in a slower 22.57. American Tom Jager set the world record of 21.81 in the same pool. This gives me an opportunity to start thinking about representing my country again

in the 1996 Olympics,

Mazuolis said. I think I can get

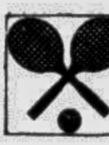
the world record before I am

Mazuolis clocked 22.26 in

through. I have my whole countrywatching me. I do not want to

fail them. Another former Soviet swimmer, Sergei Mariniuk of Moldovia, beat a world class field to take the 200-metre individual medley in 2:03.17. Mariniuk beat five other Olympians-Americans Eric Namesnik and Roque Santos, Mihail Savov of Bulgaria, Marcel Wouda of the Netherlands and Marcin Malinsk of Poland.

Graf's 4th Family Circle Cup



South Carolina, Apr 5: German Steffi Graf shrugged off a sprained knee here Sunday to beat Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in

The top-seeded German beat the second seeded Spaniard 7-6 (10/8), 6-1. Though she said the pain in her knee was so bad she might have given up if the first-set

straight sets in the final of the

"It was at 6-5 in the first that the sprain occurred," she said. "I was running for a shot and seemed to twist my knee a little bit. In the tie-breaker it was very painful."

She had it wrapped for the second set, and had little trouGraf, a late replacement for



STEFFI GRAF

world number one Monica Seles finally won the first-set decider on her fourth set point, when Sanchez-Vicario hit a back-hand wide.

Then Sanchez-Vicario dropped her serve in the first

game of the second, and her mistakes multiplied.

"Whoever wins the first set has

more confidence. I had my

chances, but I didn't take them." Graf, sensing Sanchez-Vicario's loss of confidence and anxious to stay out of long

end the points a little

fourth in the event, which she won in 1986 for her first career title, she also won here in 1987 and 1989. The world number two

to 19-4.

Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament, reports rallies because of her injury, became even more aggressive. "In the second set I tried to

quicker," Graf said. "She hit some great lobs, but in the end, I won more of those peints. The victory was Grafs

earned her second title of 1993 after her victory in Delray Beach, Florida, last month, and took her career record against Sanchez-Vicario

